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SUBJECT: SHUTTLE-SALYUT: MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUPS (04.00)

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1. SCI COUNS TRANSMITTED FRUTKIN LETTER (REFTEL) TO VERESHCHETIN, INTERKOSMOS JUNE 22. VERESHCHETIN WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT PLEASED WITH POSTPONEMENT OF JWGS MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER, COMMENTING THAT THIS WAS A BAD EXAMPLE OF COOPERATION. HE NOTED THIS WAS THE SECOND POSTPONEMENT OF THE JWGS MEETING AND THAT IT WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT IN THE NASA ACADEMY PROTOCOL THAT THE JWGS PRESENT THEIR FINDINGS WITHIN 6 MONTHS FROM THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL. VERESHCHETIN ALSO SPECULATED THAT THE POSTPONEMENT MAY MAKE THE GOAL OF A JOINT FLIGHT IN 1981 UNOBTAINABLE. VERESHCHETIN ALSO NOTED THAT THE SOVIET PARTICIPANTS HAD ALREADY SCHEDULED THEIR SUMMER VACATIONS SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH THE JWGS MEETING PROPOSED IN JULY.

2. VERESHCHETIN STATED THAT AT FIRST GLANCE THE SUGGESTED OCTOBER 3 DATE FOR THE JWGS MEETING WOULD NOT

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BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS, SINCE IT CONFLICTS WITH THE SOVIET-FRENCH SPACE COOPERATION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE FIRST DECADE OF OCTOBER. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY PREFER TO SCHEDULE THE JWGS SOMETIME BETWEEN OCTOBER 20 AND NOVEMBER 1 AND PROMISED A DEFINITIVE ANSWER BY NEXT WEEK.

3. COMMENT: VERESHCHETIN WAS OBVIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED AT THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE JWG MEETINGS, WHICH WILL CAUSE INTERKOSMOS SOME EMBARRASSMENT WITH THEIR SENIOR SPACE OFFICIALS AND RESEARCHERS. WE WERE STRUCK, HOWEVER, BY THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH HE BEGAN TO CALCULATE RE-SCHEDULING OF THE JWG MEETINGS IN OCTOBER WHICH SUGGESTS THAT HIS PROTESTATIONS WERE MAINLY "FOR THE RECORD". KOZYREV, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING, MADE A POINT WHEN HE JOKINGLY REMARKED THE ROLES ARE NOW REVERSED; DURING APOLLO-SOYUZ PLANNING IT WAS THE U.S. THAT WAS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT AT POSTPONEMENTS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS. END COMMENT.
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